



Jeff Wolin (719) 748-3253, ext. 202
Michelle Wheatley (719) 748-3253, ext. 101

October, 2016

Starting on October 17 updates will also be available on Twitter and Facebook @FlorissantNPS or for additional information call (719)748-3253.

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument



Prescribed Burn Planned for October 2016



Burning allows managers to reduce fuels adjacent to the boundary with minimal smoke impact to the community. Further, this type of fuel reduction is most economic and most beneficial to the ecosystem.

Project Details:

- Burning will be limited to areas adjacent to Teller County Road 1 on the north end of the Monument.
- Expect temporary smoke in the vicinity of any prescribed fire activity; drivers should pay extra attention while traveling through or adjacent to burn areas.
- Monument neighbors and visitors are urged not to stop along the roadway or enter areas while burning operations are being conducted.
- The Monument visitor center, trails, and roads are expected to remain open.
- The locations of the proposed prescribed burn area and additional details will be available and updated on the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument's website at <http://www.nps.gov/fffo>. For more information call (719) 748-3253.

Schedule: To begin as early as October 17th. In the event that conditions are not favorable during the week of October 17th, Fire Managers will continue to assess windows of opportunity throughout the fall into the spring.

Size: Roughly 180 acres in total along northern boundary of the park.

Fuel Type: Primarily Ponderosa Pine and Grass.

Goal: To reduce accumulated hazardous forest fuels and to create a buffer near the monument's northern boundary to help protect adjacent neighbors and communities.

Prescribed fire smoke may affect your health. For more information: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdph/wood-smoke-and-health>